GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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THEFT OF FOODGRAINS
GADDE RAMAMOHAN

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that there was large scale losses in FCI godowns in East and West Godavari districts of Andhra Pradesh on account of thefts of rice bags by employees of FCI while transporting rice to Kerala and Tamil Nadu through railway wagons; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government against the erring employees?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHAUHAN)

(a) & (b) : There have been some stray cases of full bag shortages detected in respect of rice despatches made from the Food Corporation of India (FCI) godowns of East and West Godavari districts of Andhra Pradesh to Kerala and Tamilnadu, which are taken as transit shortages and not as thefts or pilferage in the godowns. All the three Senior Regional Managers of FCI posted in Andhra Pradesh, Kerala and Tamilnadu have been directed to fix responsibility and ensure recovery of losses of such full bag transit shortages after adhering to the prescribed laid down procuedures.